

Context of the Initiative

Institute strategy and pivot
Informed by NStEP
Development of a Covid-19 Response Team
Systematic response involving all areas of the Institute

Hybrid Learning Principles

- Learning from:
- Monitoring and Review of practice to date
- Learner, Staff and Stakeholder Feedback
- Student Consultation
- Surveys

Hybrid Learning Framework

- Supported by:
 - Institute COVID-19 Protocols
 - Teaching and Learning Centre
 - Library
 - Computer Services

Hybrid Learning Design and Delivery

- Supported by:
- Institute COVID-19 Protocols
- Teaching and Learning Centre
- Library
- Computer Services
- Supporting and Central to:
- Student Experience and Support
- Underpinned by:
- Quality Assurance and Enhancement



'Learning with the Learners' Initiative

Born out of staff CPD week – June 2020 (3 months into the pivot)

Aim: create a safe space to dialogue and to openly share experiences

Underlying Principles:

- 1. **Inclusive** open invite to all staff and students across all Faculties and campuses to come together and dialogue
 - 2. **Co-facilitated** by SU and Teaching and Learning
 - 3. **Actioned** gathering and implementing student feedback



Session Planning and Format

- Call out to class reps ensuring inclusivity and diversity – representation from all Faculties and stages of study
- Class reps given time to consult with peers to garner feedback
- Liaised with class reps to go through specifics of session ethical and privacy dimension
- Conducted 2 sessions during the week to accommodate staff and students
- Open mic/chat
- 45mins in duration
- Non-recorded sessions notes taken by facilitators – acted upon later

Findings and Insights

- Importance of communication (formal and informal)
- Significance of regularly 'checking-in' with students (pastoral, social and academic)
- Shared understanding that problems and issues need to be acknowledged acknowledgement is often more important than resolution

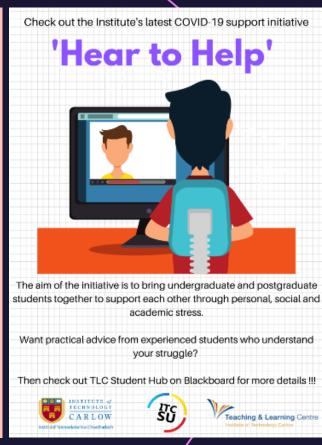






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Lessons Learnt and follow-on Institute Initiatives

- Embedded 'Learning with Learners' sessions as part of staff CPD weeks
- Implemented the 'Lift Your Spirits' Campaign
 Well-being Initiative
- Implemented the 'Hear to Help' Initiative Peer Support with PGs
- Established 'Ask and Answer' sessions
- Implemented the 'March to Exams' -Supervised Study Initiative
- Conducted the Student Feedback Survey in December 2020 and planned for June 2021
- Other deliverables development of a Lecture Recording Policy and the drafting of a Blended Learning Policy based on learner feedback

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